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SUBJECT: IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING FROM
ADDRESSEE POSTS ON FORMATION OF IRON ORE EXPORTERS
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ASSOCIATION AND REQUESTS FURTHER SUBMISSIONS AS

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APPROPRIATE.

2. IN ARTICLE II OF DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION DRAWN UP AT PREPARATORY MEETING HELD NEW DELHI, JANUARY 13-15, MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO FOLLOWING: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, INDIA, LIBERIA, MAURITANIA, PHILIPPINES, PERU, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, TUNISIA AND VENEZUELA AND TO "ANY OTHER COUNTRY EXPORTING IRON ORE OR HOLDING SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES AND WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS TO THOSE OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES."

3. DRAFT AGREEMENT DOES NOT APPEAR TO PROVIDE FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN ASSOCIATION, AND NEW DELHI INDICATES EARLIER SUGGESTION TO ALLOW CONSUMER NATIONS TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION WAS REJECTED. OTTAWA REPORTS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT VIEW THAT GOC WOULD PREFER OBSERVER STATUS IN ASSOCIATION BUT THAT "DRAFT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT

APPEAR TO LEAVE ROOM FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT FULL MEMBERSHIP."

4. AMONG STATED OBJECTIVES OF ASSOCIATION LISTED IN DA ARE: TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG EXPORTERS, ENSURE GROWTH OF EXPORT TRADE, SECURE FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE RETURNS FOR EXPLOITATION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING OF IRON ORE, ENCOURAGE FURTHER PROCESSING IN EXPORTING COUNTRIES, AND PROVIDE FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONSULTATIONS ON EXPORTS. WHILE OBJECTIVES ARE CLEARLY GEARED TO ESSENTIAL INTERESTS OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES, U.S. ALSO SHARES SIMILAR INTERESTS IN DEVELOPMENT, ACCESS, PROCESSING, INVESTMENT, AND EXPANDING WORLD TRADE IN IRON ORE.

5. IT APPEARS THAT USG MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE OR FEASIBLE, ALTHOUGH US IS A SMALL EXPORTER OF IRON ORE AND DOES HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RESERVES. US WOULD, HOWEVER, BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ASSOCIATION MEETINGS AS AN OBSERVER EITHER BY FORMAL INVITATION OR INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT.

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6. POSTS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION TO SOME FORM OF US INFORMAL OR OBSERVER ATTENDANCE IN FUTURE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS, IN PARTICULAR AT FORTHCOMING GENEVA MINISTERIAL MEETING IN APRIL. INGERSOLL

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